

AMA CHEWER

OUR SIXTY SECOND YEAR

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MEETING: January 14th, 1977. Special ARRL program, Rosalie W1STO and Jim Cain, WA1STN both of the ARRL Staff will present a program on ARRL and give us some insights on current and future problems, as well as activities at Headquarters. A Question and Answer session will follow. Don Miller W9NTP our newly elected ARRL Central Division Director will also be present to get your ideas and views on ARRL, so that he may be better prepared for the upcoming Directors meeting at ARRL Headquarters.

An informal dinner for our guests, prior to the club meeting will be held at LAUGHNER'S CAFETERIA, Time 6:30 PM. Location: 20 N. Franklin Rd. This is 7900 East, just North of Washington Street, Also just east of I-465. All club members are invited to join us and give these good people a warm Hoosier Welcome.

NEW OFFICERS The IRC will be in the good hands of the following officers elected at the December 10th 1976 meeting.

President: Mike Williams K9QHO
Vice Pres. Ron Cooper WB9DKL
Secty. Chas. Preston WB9CBZ
Treas. William Lueth W9AI

Chief Op. Harold McGee W9LZ
Director Wm Johnson W9BUQ
Director Gene VanSickle W9KJF
Trustee Ron Williams W9JVF.

Our heartiest congratulations on your successful election and look forward to a terrific season. Art Schultz, W9BR will continue as Editor of AMA-CHEWER, a Non-elective office. Our Deepfelt thanks to the outgoing officers for their yeoman services.

NEW MEETING ROOM : Club meetings will be moved to Burnham Hall in Missions Building. This is the large auditorium located at the southwest corner of the Missions bldg. complex. Corner of Ohmer and University Aves. Use the small parking lot on University Ave. just east of the Hall or use our old parking on Downey Ave. There is no parking on the north side of University Ave. Burnham Hall can be isolated from the rest of the building for security reasons, so no more check in and out. The door will be open at all times.

SILENT KEY It is with greatest regret that we report the passing of M. Crosby Bartlett, K4EU who passed away at his home in Boca-Raton, Fla. on Saturday 11 December, 1976 of a cardiac arrest. Bart has been a member of the IRC from the mid-thirties, coming here from Detroit, where he held the call 8MC. He became W9JHY here then W9MC. He became K4EU when he moved to Florida a year ago. Bart held the Advanced Class License and was active on all bands. He was a member of ARRL, Goldcoasters and QCWA.

CHIEF OPR. We cannot finish this year without paying special tribute to our chief op. John Ealy WB9NWB for his outstanding services, providing us with a wide variety of goodies for our post-meeting snack. Your coffee is a real work of art. Hi.

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN DEPARTMENT Dues are due for club membership for the year 1977. The matter of dues is researched each year by the new officers who have recently set the 1977 dues at \$6.00 resident member and \$3.00 for Non-resident and Student membership. Send a check or bring in the cash and put a big smile on our Treasurers (Bill Lueth W9AI) face. Life memberships are available at \$60.00 (ten times the annual dues) we have 9 Life members at present.

RED CROSS RADIO CLUB Is sponsoring a Swapfest on February 26th. 11AM. to 4 PM. to be held at the Red Cross Chapter House garage. All Ham ops are invited. This is not a Flea Market but a market to allow swapping of unused equipment for somebody else's equipment. Cash sales allowed but not encouraged. Junk or good equipment whatever you do not use anymore or that you are tired of looking at.

Charles Preston. WB9CBZ.

WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE 1979 The long awaited notice of Amateur frequency proposals indicate considerable changes in our freqs. The lengthy list will be passed around at several of the coming IRC meetings. It goes without saying that anyone considering the long range purchases of new equipment should study these proposals in the light of equipment obsolescence. For example the new 15 meter band would be from 20700 to 21200 KHz. The 21200 to 21450 section would be lost. Considerable modification of present Ham type equipment will be required to bring these sets up to date. We get a new band, 1600 meters, 160 to 190KHz, (back where we all started from)

HAM ON THE BC BAND Charles D. Byers WB9GCD is often heard operating in the broadcast band. He is getting a lot of exposure in interviews regarding the deregulation of gas prices and the oil business in general. Charlie you sound good on AM and TV.

ARRL Silent Key Past President of ARRL, George Bailey, K2KH passed away in mid December 1976 at age 86. George will be remembered for his significant contributions to Ham Radio during his tenure of office.

WINTER HAMFEST The Allen County Ham Club is holding a Hamfest on Jan. 23 (Sunday) 1977 at Shiloh Hall north of Fort Wayne. Anyone visiting in that area might drop in and win a big top prize and get in on the flea market.

A DOLLAR SAVED The Federal Courts have ruled that the FCC's fee structure was arbitrary and improper, therefore suspended all FCC license fees starting January 1, 1977. Do not send fees, otherwise all your papers will be returned, delaying things. The period of this suspension will depend on Congressional action. This suspension could favorably affect the growth of Amateur Radio as historic relationship between fees and applications has shown in the past.

DX REPORT For Indiana best DX is now in daylight hours on 20 M. and along daylight hours on 7 M. Good Asian openings on 20 M at daybreak and at sunset hours, mostly on 20M but also on 7M. If you hear a 9D prefix it is a commemorative from IRAN. Another new one is S79 from Seychelles.

The next ATV meeting coming up on January 29 at the Red Cross Chapter House. Don't miss it. Program geared to getting started in ATV.